

Pokagon State Park

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And Other Park Events!

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January-February 2013

Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.

Too cold to go outside?... Check out our Inn craft room! There are many items from which to choose, from a simple bracelet to a holiday decoration. Stop by the Activities Room or check our schedule at the main desk. Join us!

Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...



All Programs are Eastern Standard Time!

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Friday January 4

- 10:30am **Winter Wetlands.** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance for a short jaunt down into our Potawatomi Nature Preserve as we walk, look, and listen for winter life in this unique Pokagon environment. MH
- 2:00pm **Rare Species Update.** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a short "show 'n' tell" type session using pelts, mounts, bones, photos, etc... of some of the rare species that call Pokagon and Indiana home. We will discuss how we can help them be a part of our native landscape. FW



Saturday January 5

- 11:00am **Winter Search Party.** That's us as we bundle up and head out into the nearby winter woods, as we search for signs of animal activity during the not so "dead" of winter. Tracks, holes, signs of feeding, we'll search it all out. Prepare for off-trail hiking! Meet at the Nature Center. FW
- 2:00pm **Scatology!** Scatology is the study of what?! Come to the Nature Center Auditorium and get the poop (if you know what we mean) on how we can identify animals by what they leave behind. Prizes for those who know their poop! MH



Sunday January 6

- 8:30am **Winter Morning Bird Search!** Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet at the Inn hallway near the coffee machines for a quick walk in search of snowbirds and other winter wildlife. We'll be out for just an hour or so. Bundle up and join us! FW

Saturday January 12

- 11:00am **Potawtomi People**. Come to the warmth of the Nature Center Auditorium for a short program looking at the Native Americans for whom our park and inn are named. We'll discuss the way of life for these people prior to settlers coming to this area. MH
- 3:00pm **Snowflake Fun!** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for this short program looking at the white stuff and how we can enjoy its beauty instead of just pushing it off of the walks. LL/MH

Sunday January 13

- 8:30am **Sunrise Stomp!** Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet at the coffee machines at the Potawatomi Inn. From there we'll bundle and boot up and head out for our traditional Sunday morning jaunt in search of birds, other wildlife and good ol' fresh air! LL

Saturday January 19

- 9:30am **Beechwood and Beyond**. We will actually be leaving the property for this winter nature discovery hike. Meet at the Nature Center Parking Lot, from where we will carpool to a nearby ACRES Land Trust Nature Preserve just north of the Park. We'll walk through a small, but unique wetland and over hills of woodlands and restored oak savannah. We'll be out for an hour and half. FW
- 2:00pm **Snowshoe Shuffle**. Discover the winter world of Pokagon on snowshoes! Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium for a short talk on snowshoes and the sport, then we'll take off on a short 45-minute walk through the woods. In case of too little snow, we'll still do a hike in the nearby woodlands. FW/LL



Sunday January 20

- 8:30am **Mid-Winter Birding** See Sunday January 6th Winter Morning Bird Search for program details. FW
- 2:00pm **Pine Cone Feeders**. It's a fun make-it-take-it program as you can create a simple little bird feeder to hang at home and have your feathered neighbors over to dine. LL

Monday January 21 Martin Luther King Day Nature Center is open today, 10:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday January 26

- 10:00am **Winter Wetlands**. Gather at the Inn Main Entrance for a short jaunt down into our Potawatomi Nature Preserve as we walk, look and listen for winter life in this unique Pokagon environment. LL
- 2:00pm **Resident Birds and their Nesting Needs**. Gather in the Nature Center Auditorium for a fun show 'n' tell session looking at some of our resident birds through photos and mounts and then some of their homes and how we can attract and enhance our backyards for them. Join us! MH

Sunday January 27

- 8:30am **Fresh Air Jaunt!** See Sunday January 6th Winter Morning Bird Search for program details. MH

Sunday January 27 to Friday, February 1 – Welcome Potawatomi Road Scholar Participants!

Happy
Groundhog Day!



Saturday February 2

- 2:00pm **Woodchuck Ways!** It's Groundhog Day! Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a fun show 'n' tell session on this famous and furry rodent on February 2nd. FW

Sunday February 3

- 8:30am **Brrrrrisk Morning Walk**. See Sunday January 6th Winter Morning Bird Search for program details. FW

Saturday February 9

- 10:30am **A Place in the Pines....** Put on your walking shoes for a little off-trail hiking as we meet in the Potawatomi Inn Main Lobby then head up into a couple of different pine forests. We'll have extra binoculars for a hopeful look at pine squirrels, pine siskins and maybe a red-breasted nuthatch! FW
- 2:00pm **Winter Tree ID**. It's an indoor-outdoor program looking at our local trees in their leafless condition. We'll start out in the Nature Center Auditorium for a look at the world of buds, bark, and berries and then bundle up and head out and discover some in the beautiful winter landscape. Join us! MH



Sunday February 10

8:30am **Winter Wonderland Wander.** See Sunday January 6th Winter Morning Bird Search for program details. FW

Saturday February 16

11:00am **Winter Signs Saunter.** We'll be searching winter signs of life during the not so "dead" of winter.

Tracks, holes, signs of feeding, we'll search it all out on this short hike. Meet at the Nature Center. LL

2:00pm **Duck, Duck, Goose!** Steuben County is a popular resting place for winter waterfowl and if conditions are right and some water stays open, some spend the winter with us. Come to the NC Auditorium for a short show 'n' tell session with some mounts and photos of some local and visiting waterfowl! FW

Sunday February 17

10:30am **Winter Wetlands.** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance for a short jaunt down into our Potawatomi Nature Preserve as we walk, look and listen for winter life in this unique Pokagon environment. FW

2:00pm **Snowshoe Shuffle.** See January 19 for details. Join us! LL

Monday February 18 Presidents Day Toboggan Run and Nature Center are open today, 10:00am to 5:00pm

8:30am **Quick Junco Jaunt.** See Sunday January 6th Winter Morning Bird Search for program details. MH

Saturday February 23

11:00am **Winter Tracks.** That's what we'll be searching in the fields and forests near the Nature Center. Meet first in the Nature Center Auditorium where we'll look at some track patterns and the ways animals move. MH

2:00pm **Bluebirds in the Winter.** Nothing warms the soul more than seeing a bluebird against a winter backdrop. We'll meet in the Nature Center Auditorium first for a brief talk on these jewels of blue, then we'll bundle up and head out into a nearby field to see if we can call some in for a close up look! Join us! LL

Sunday February 24

8:30am **Return of the Red-wings.** One sure sign of spring ahead is presence of red-winged blackbirds in our wetlands. Join us by the Inn coffee machines from where we'll take off on our traditional Sunday morning walk! FW



Nature Center School Season Hours:

Monday to Friday, 1pm to 5pm

Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, 10am to 5pm

Special Holiday hours for January 2 to 4: 10am to 5pm! Come check us out!

